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LSA voting begins 1Ls and 2Ls to select new board

By David Feldman
Editor-in-chief

Elections for positions on the Law School Association board will be held today and tomorrow in the snack bar. The positions on the board are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, 3L Representatives (3) and 2L Representatives (3). All current 1Ls and 2Ls are eligible to vote to determine the make-up of next year's LSA board.

Only the positions of Vice President and Treasurer are being contested because those are the only two positions where more candidates applied than there are positions available. There are no announced candidates for Secretary. Currently the LSA plans to have the Secretary position filled by the Vice President candidate who does not win election for that position. Candidate statements for all positions, contested and uncontested, follow throughout this issue of *The Alledger*.



Who will fill these seats in the LSA office next year?

Schwartz in as new LSA president

My name is Julie Schwartz, and I am delighted to announce my candidacy for President of the LSA. I believe that my two years of experience as an LSA class representative, combined with my energy, commitment, and concern for the BCLS community, provide me with the needed tools to be an effective and caring leader of the student body. In addition, I have several ideas which I believe will better the BCLS community.

The LSA President is head of the LSA board. The LSA board serves as a forum in which each student's concerns may be voiced, heard, and truly addressed. The board serves as a center of social, athletic, and educational activities for BCLS and works closely with all student groups to maintain an open, diverse, and rich environment. The board also acts as liaison between the faculty and students. The President is the only board member who

PRESIDENT



Julie Schwartz.

meets regularly with the Dean. The President must be adept at relaying student concerns to the faculty, and sharing the faculty's responses with the students.

To be effective, the LSA President must be dedicated, personable, accessible, and caring of the community. The President's duties require someone who can keenly listen, and strongly convey concerns and ideas. The President must be able to bring people together, and welcome them to the collective "team."

While my passion for community involvement began well before entrance into law school, I feel that in the last two years I have demonstrated enthusiasm and commitment to service to the BCLS community. I feel that I possess the qualities needed to be an effective LSA President.

As 1L representative, I actively participated in the social and educational programs sponsored by LSA and other groups, and also worked with fellow class-

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Survivor Klein visits BCLS Speaker relates story of Holocaust, Schindler

By Andrea Berkman
1L Staff Writer

On Tuesday, April 5, 1994, Boston College law students had the opportunity to learn about the Holocaust from the unique perspective of a survivor. Dr. Michael Klein, a physics professor at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, gave the students his singular view of Hitler's Europe. His talk focused on his personal experience in a concentration camp and working for Oscar Schindler. Dr. Klein compared some of his experiences to those

depicted in the Spielberg movie, "Schindler's List." He felt that for the most part, the movie was accurate, although he pointed out several instances where Hollywood had re-written Schindler's story in order to make a better film.

Dr. Klein answered student questions on a variety of topics, ranging from his experiences in Nazi concentration camps to the effects his experiences have had on his life in America. Dr. Klein came to the United States after having spent several years hospitalized recovering from the various physical and emotional injuries inflicted on him. Dr. Klein

stated that although up until eight years ago, he had refused share his story, he felt that, as more survivors died, it important for him to preserve the horrible truth, so that revisionist historians will not cause society to forget.

Dr. Klein was able to present the Holocaust in a truthful manner, without harping on gruesome details. He puts forth images of one who lives with the memory of surviving the Holocaust, rather than having been destroyed by it. This point of view allows listeners to truly learn something about the Holocaust.

COMMENT

Letter: Liberal economics *are* crazy

By Mark A. Sarro
Contributor

As a Ph.D. student in Economics at BC, I take great exception to the lack of factual content and economic reasoning in "Clinton Economy not Liberal, not Crazy" by Steven Davis (*The Alledger*, 3/11/94). Unless Mr. Davis' suggestion that Clinton economic policy is not liberal was an attempt at sarcasm, he must have inhaled.

If Mr. Davis had only been in law school thirty years ago, he may have seen our President in the Nehru jacket and John Lennon glasses referenced in his article. Republican characterization of Mr. Clinton's policies as liberal is not "yam-mering" but fact. Mr. Davis proposes that the Clinton budget was "boldly conservative". But if he would invest half as much time in researching the budget as he did thinking up ways to make Republicans out to be a "confederacy of dunces", Mr. Davis might find that the dunce cap fits.

That Clinton is a tax-and-spend Democrat is undeniable. His 'boldly conservative' budget included \$316 billion in tax increases, the largest tax hike in history. (The tax.) Then to undo the contractionary effect of these taxes, Mr. Clinton proposed a stimulus package to increase domestic spending by \$31 billion over five years. (The spend.) Tax and spend.

Mr. Davis' dream world also includes a Clinton budget which actually "cuts" spending. But the ratio of tax increases to spending cuts in the budget can't even be calculated for 1994 because there are no reductions in spending. In 1995, there are \$24.40 in tax increases for every dollar of spending cuts (ie: reductions in the rate of increase). If Congress somehow finds the backbone to make meaningful spending cuts (snicker, snicker), the ratio falls to \$3.90 of higher taxes for every \$1 of defense cuts over the next five years. Tax and spend.

Mr. Davis dismisses as "lunacy" the fact that "deficit reduction could be accomplished without raising some taxes". It would have been had the Democrat Congress cut spending when Ronald Reagan cut taxes. Liberals are quick to blame Mr. Reagan for the huge federal

deficits (and all other evil in the world). But the fact is that in two terms as President, Ronald Reagan never appropriated one penny. That Constitutional power is given only to the House of Representatives. I assume Mr. Davis has not yet taken Con Law.

Mr. Davis opines that Republicans "take refuge in oppositionism" and are "adrift on substance". Well I'm not sure on what substance Mr. Davis might be adrift, but the Republicans have opposed Clinton policy only when the substance of that policy conflicts with Republican ideals. On NAFTA, for example, seventy percent of Republicans worked with Mr. Clinton because it was good (Bush administration) policy. Mr. Davis' inability to distinguish between blind oppositionism (eg: 1980s gridlock) and legitimate policy debate is frightening.

Moreover, Mr. Clinton hardly "bucked the dinosaurs in his own party" on NAFTA. He struck all kinds of deals, including a development bank for Latinos, concessions to wheat farmers near the Canada border, California wine-producers, Florida citrus and vegetable growers, the textile industry, the automobile industry, and other Democrat special interests. Some New Democrat.

And the fact that Clinton "finished GATT" by a coincidence of history does not make him any more of a "dyed-in-the-wool moderate" than a tie-dyed liberal. The GATT talks have been ongoing since 1947, long before Bill Clinton ever dreamed of laying astroturf in the back of his Chrysler Suburban. The real question is, would Bill Clinton have started GATT? Would the demigods of the Democrat party (Ted Kennedy, Dan Rostenkowski, Tom Foley, et al.) have let him? Only 40 percent of Democrats supported NAFTA, Mr. Davis can't seriously believe they would've gotten GATT going.

Mr. Davis' claim that Clinton economic policy "sparked the first drop in long term interest rates in 20 years" is embarrassingly inaccurate. Interest rates were falling due to the 1991 recession and real estate market conditions while Bill Clinton was still down in Little Rock stealing fries and kisses from Gennifer

The health care industry badly needs responsible reform. It does not need Steven Davis, Bill Clinton, Bill's wife, or Congress rationing the amount of care we receive and dictating how much the doctor they've forced us to go to should be paid.

Flowers. Moreover, in the little more than a year that Clinton has been in office, interest rates have started to rise due to economic (not political) factors.

The health care plan is "no-brainer evidence" that Mr. Clinton is more of a Social Democrat than a New Democrat. Mr. Davis' description of the plan as one of "extensive regulation" is a bolder lie than any even the Clintons would attempt. Managed competition is an oxymoron. The health care industry badly needs responsible reform. It does not need Steven Davis, Bill Clinton, Bill's wife, or Con-

gress rationing the amount of care we receive and dictating how much the doctor they've forced us to go to should be paid. Price controls, employer mandates, and a whole new federal bureaucracy are not the cure for health care. They are a prescription for abridged civil liberties, market inefficiencies, corruption, influence peddling, and substandard care.

It is not the critics of Clinton economic policy but Mr. Davis who shows "little regard for the truth". His article was one big "whine and gripe" reflective of the partisanship and "pontification" of which he accuses Republicans. It contained less information than cliché attacks on Republicans, and stands as a testimonial of ignorance toward American economic and political history shocking of a law student.

I am aware that the first year of law school includes a good bit of reading. I only wish Mr. Davis would have done a bit more on Clinton economic policy before he decided to defend it publicly. Mr. Clinton's policies are ideologically leftist, economically inane, politically motivated, and potentially disastrous. Mr. Clinton is a liberal. That's not a crime. But if it is a virtue, why have he and his supporters like Mr. Davis had to lie about it ever since the campaign?

Something for Mr. Davis to think about in the corner with the dunce cap on.

Response: Sarro misses the mark

By Steven Davis
1L Staff Writer

Witless attempts at personal nastiness aside, Mr. Sarro makes several points to which I respond in turn.

First, Mr. Sarro's figure of \$316 billion dollars of new taxes is wrong, given the budget as passed. The figure is more on the order of \$250 billion dollars, although some would include cuts in Social Security payments, by making a greater percentage of benefit income for the most wealthy recipients eligible for taxation a tax, pushing the figure up to around \$300 billion dollars. Second, as an astute follower of public affairs I'm sure Mr. Sarro knows the stimulus package was (thankfully, from my perspective) filibustered and never passed.

Second, just because the cuts come a year or two down the line does not mean they will not happen. At least President Clinton has proposed actual line items to be eliminated from the federal budget and has remained faithful to his plans with his recently unveiled second budget, with slashed items numbering over 300. Contrast this with the efforts of his predecessors, who complained about spending *ad nauseam* but never proposed anything close to a balanced budget. Presidents Reagan and Bush also clamored endlessly for a line item veto to get rid of silly budgetary pork to help curtail spending. When Bush was asked to produce a list of things he would cut if he had a line item veto, he came up with 3.8 billion in cuts from 50 or so items, 2.3 billion of which

was one new Connecticut-built nuclear submarine. What courage.

Third, does Mr. Sarro seriously believe that the executive branch has zero responsibility to produce an even somewhat balanced budget? I would say that Reagan and Congress share in the blame of running our country into penury, thinking the President has some responsibility to put forward a sane budget, and Congress should call him on it when he doesn't. Note that in the aggregate for the 12 years of Bush and Reagan, Congress appropriated less total than those Presidents asked for.

Fourth, I'm glad Republicans joined President Clinton in supporting NAFTA. Now, if we could just get them behind sane budgetary policy, which Mr. Sarro implies cannot be done now without some new taxes when he chose the past perfect tense to characterize my statement that it was lunacy to believe "deficit reduction could be accomplished without raising some taxes," with his response statement "It (deficit reduction) would have been possible had Congress..." I'm glad to know you agree. I likewise don't care for deal making for votes, but as they say, "politics is the art of compromise." In addition, some of the side agreements will end up helping U.S. companies.

Fifth, I congratulate Mr. Sarro for pointing out GATT was begun under a Democratic President (Harry Truman) and finished under one (Bill Clinton). Mr. Sarro knows, as I do, if Clinton were a protec-

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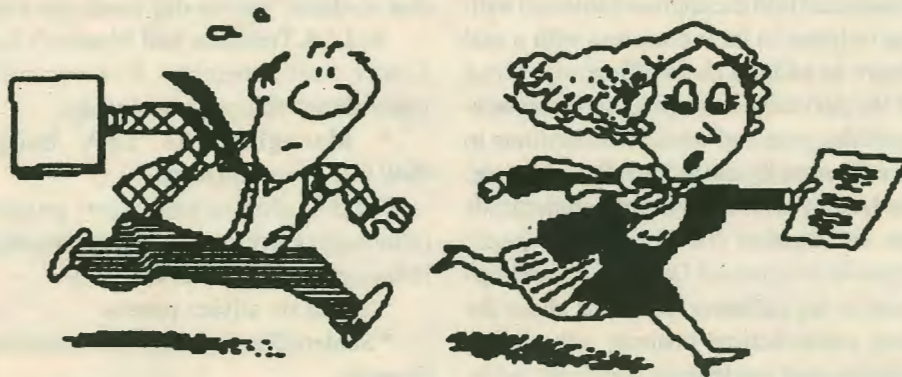
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mates and faculty to extend the 1L reading period.

As 2L representative, I am again working on many of the social, educational, and cultural activities and services promoted by LSA. I worked with members of BLSA, APALSA, and LALSA on the Faculty Appointments Committee. I also worked with classmates, faculty and Alumni Affairs on the Career Services Committee—where we extended the career library hours to include weekend hours, and also held our first annual alumni talk regarding getting a job in a tough market. I have also participated in other student groups' functions, including those of the Children's Rights Project, JLISA, the Women's Law Center, and PAD. Presently, I am organizing a Juvenile Rights Symposium with fellow classmates and Dean DiLuna.

From my previous experience with students, faculty, and LSA, I am proud to state that BCLS is responsive to student needs. Still, I have several ideas to improve communication and student life in general.

1. **Financial Aid:** We need another person to help Laurie Hogan, especially at the beginning of the year.

2. **Career Services:** We need to improve promotion of the job programs which occur after fall on-campus recruiting.

3. **Improving Communication:** We can better disseminate and collect information by having LSA board members available in the snackbar at least one hour each week to discuss student concerns, and by better publicizing LSA meetings.

4. **Gym/Quonset Hut:** We should have access to the Hut at our convenience. Also, we may be able to find a local gym to accommodate our financial, parking, and equipment needs better than the undergraduate gym.

I also have plans to address the issues of: IBM computers, construction plans, busing, and more.

Thank you for taking the time to consider me as LSA President. As always, I encourage you to share any ideas, thoughts, or questions you have with me. Should you choose to elect me, I will continue my promise from last year—to serve you from the heart, with energy, care and diligence.

VICE PRESIDENT



Joan Tagliareni

I want to be Vice President to continue to be a voice in addressing student concerns. As 2L rep, I was involved in the planning of social events, 1L orientation, and the dissemination of information between students and administration. Further, I am currently working with other students on improving teacher evaluations

to assist students in the "real world" choices of what classes to take. I also worked with faculty and fellow students to give a panel to 1Ls on teacher-specific exam advice. These programs allowed me to demonstrate my communication and organization skills, honed through my business experience after college. I have no difficulty adjusting to varying group personalities and can facilitate team projects by injecting a sense of ease and good humor.

One crucial characteristic for any LSA board member, in addition to such experience, is approachability. I believe that my classmates find me approachable and willing to listen to their concerns with a real desire to address them efficiently. Some of the pervasive concerns I have encountered this year and which will continue to be addressed by me as Vice President are: the lack of services when the undergrads are on vacation (i.e., buses and food); expanded/improved Dining Services options in the cafeteria; concerns about the new construction project; scheduling glitches; and inadequate computer facilities.

One of my major areas of focus is Career Services. We must improve students' knowledge of the benefits Career Services has to offer and increase student participation all year long. Further, we should take greater advantage of alumni offers to participate in Career Service programs. Our alumni are a valuable resource connection that we should strengthen and enhance.

Please feel free to approach me to discuss these and any other concerns and ideas you have. The LSA Vice President is your conduit to making life at BCLS the best it can be, and I thank you for your consideration of me for that position.



Catherine Sheehan

For me, the LSA's most important task is to *improve the quality of life at BCLS*. I've enjoyed serving as LSA Treasurer, and next year, I'd like to work with the LSA President and board to implement their ideas. But in addition, I have some ideas that would, I believe, make life at BCLS better.

While BCLS does many things well, there is room for some significant change. For example, the current exam system (in which some students select courses based on the exam schedule!) is inequitable and inadequate. Some law schools have self-scheduled exams, where 2Ls and 3Ls can select when to take their exams, within a set number of days. If after studying such a system it seems better than ours, I will write up a proposal for the BCLS community to consider.

I'd also like to create a "master calendar" of all events, in a central location, to

decrease scheduling conflicts and increase participation in BCLS activities, and to let students know what's going on. In addition to these and other ideas for change (e.g. longer hours at the financial aid office), I believe I'm an ideal person for VP because the position requires someone open, responsible and organized, who is good at communicating and troubleshooting. Main campus persistently leaves us out of the loop when making administrative decisions, and there will be major construction here next year, so the LSA needs someone who can work to ensure that students' day-to-day needs are met.

As LSA Treasurer and Women's Law Center board member, I've organized many things this year, including:

- * Managing the LSA budget (\$40,000+) and finances

- * LSA adopt-a-bar-review program (which got more student groups involved in bar review than ever before!)

- * 1L Exam advice panels

- * Student/Faculty course selection conferences

- * *Similarly Situated* (Women's Law Center Newsletter)

My space here is limited, but my energy and enthusiasm are not. Thank you for considering me for LSA Vice President.

TREASURER



John Dinneen

Experienced Leadership.

As law students, we are very demanding of ourselves. We work long hours and push ourselves towards better grades, selection to law reviews and challenging summer clerkships or employment. We should not demand any less from our student body leadership. We should be represented by the most qualified, creative and dedicated students available.

I am running for LSA Treasurer because having worked five years as a Certified Public Accountant, I am confident I will have a significant impact on the issues that face us. Beyond budgetary and fiscal management skills necessary to being a successful Treasurer, my experience has taught me the fundamental values of hard work, cooperation, fairness and integrity. I have dealt extensively with corporate boards of directors and upper level management which I will draw off of to obtain more effective student representation with the school's administration. I would be honored to have the opportunity to put that experience to work for you.

As Treasurer, I am anxious to address several issues currently facing the student body. Among them, I look forward to:

- * Working with the school's administration regarding the significant changes planned for our school: In particular, students should have input in the updating of

the school, increasing the computer facilities and proposals for fast-food franchising.

- * Planning more law student social events: I would like to see the LSA sponsoring barbecues, comedy nights, dances, concerts, etc.

- * Providing more activities aimed at integrating the families of students into the law school community: Being married with a two year old son, I regret their inability to share in the law school experience which I have found so rewarding.

- * Continuing the school's strong tradition of charitable work: Several law student organizations join each year to provide invaluable services for those less fortunate than ourselves. I have seen firsthand just how dependent these charities are on our services and we should build on that tradition.

I appreciate your support. Thank you.



Tom Burton

With thirty-five student groups within the law school we have a diverse community that needs a Treasurer who can take on an active and vocal role in representing our groups. As Treasurer I hope to create an effective distribution of funds to meet the varying needs of our students. In this way we can create a better quality of student life and a stronger sense of community.

My previous experience with the LSA and in Banking particularly suits me for the position which requires a high degree of administrative responsibility. As an LSA representative I am comfortable with the role of student advocate. This year I have had the opportunity to interact with various members of the Faculty and Staff through the LSA and the Academic Dean Search Committee. These experiences will enable me to make the transition to treasurer with little effort, and thus I will begin effective representation from day one. In addition, my previous experience with Baybank exposed me to various techniques in money management, and prepared me well for managing our \$40,000 budget.

Some of my goals for the upcoming year include establishing a book buyback system with the bookstore, so our students can receive back a bit of the money we invest in Law School. I also aim to solicit greater outside sponsorship for Bar Review. Since 20% of our budget is spent on Bar Review, savings due to sponsor contributions will enable us to make more funds available to our clubs and organizations. As a member of the LSA Executive Board, I also will take a more active role, serving on our committees and panels.

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I feel a real affinity to our community. For me, the law school experience is not complete without contributing to fellow students. This upcoming year, I wish to build on the foundation I have begun and expand my efforts to include the active representation of our community as a whole.

3L REP



Denise A. Pelletier

Third year will be an exciting year, but will require strong leadership, constant effort and hard work to be a memorable one. As I have demonstrated through other activities at BCLS, I have these qualities and would be honored to serve as 3L representative. While I have not been an LSA representative before, I have served as Vice President of the International Law Society for two years, and I am a member of the St. Thomas More Society, Delta Theta Phi and PILF. In addition I have served on several LSA committees including the Academic Dean Search Committee and the First Year Orientation Committee. I am also involved in the Shelter Legal Services Project and serve on the Public Interest Theory & Practice Committee. For two years I have volunteered with the Admissions Office and the Alumni Association. My involvement in these activities demonstrates what BCLS means to me. I direct my enthusiasm about this school into activities that will foster community spirit, demonstrate a commitment to others and improve the quality of life on campus. I assure you that I will bring the same energy to the 3L representative position as I have to my other activities. Your concerns and ideas for BCLS are extremely important to me and I will do whatever I can to address them throughout the next school year.



Rebeca C. Perez

Law school to most students is a rigorous test in self flagellation. Fortunately, we happen to be among the general few in the country who are truly lucky to be part of an "enjoyable" law environment. To the greatest extent, the legal and educational communities around the country are recognizing that it is the uniqueness of the student community that has placed Boston College Law School within the top ranks.

As a 3L representative of the class of 1995, I would continue in the tradition of ensuring the unique and friendly atmosphere that is intrinsic to Boston College Law School. Part of that duty is to ensure that there is a open link between the needs and interests of the 3L class and it's communication to the administration and our faculty. As a class representative and treasurer of LALSA, I have co-chaired the LALSA recruitment committee for the incoming BCLS classes of 1996 and 1997 and managed the organizational funds. I would like to continue this involvement with the entire student core of BCLS. I am proud to be a member of this student body and especially the class of 1995.



Paul Mastrocola

The LSA has had terrific record of accomplishment during the '93-'94 school year and I hope that my efforts as an LSA Board member have contributed to that

success. The quality and quantity of LSA programming for the BCLS student community has been outstanding. I believe that LSA social events, speaking programs, intramural sports, funding of student organizations, and general responsiveness to student needs have continued to promote a spirit of community at BCLS that I would like to work to maintain and improve next year as a 3L Rep. As the Social Chair this year, I was primarily responsible for organizing all LSA-sponsored social events, including the Back-to-Class Cookout in September, the Halloween Party, the theatre outings, the Dean's Prom (co-sponsored with the Dean's office), and of course the almost-weekly Bar Reviews. The 3L representatives are responsible for organizing the Graduation Week activities. I would like to apply my experience as LSA Social Chair to planning a tremendous Graduation Week in May 1995 that will be a great finale to our law school careers. I also believe that the rapport that the current LSA Board has developed with the Law School administration will enable me to work hand-in-hand with the Dean's office on issues that are important to our class. I look forward to representing the 3L class next year on the LSA and I hope that you will give me one of your three votes for

2L REP

Dan Hampton

My name is Dan Hampton, and I am running for 2L Representative on next year's LSA Board.



For those of you who know me, I'm still large and easily identifiable. For those of you who do not, this is my story. I served this year as a 1L Representative for Section 1 and found it an enjoyable and rewarding experience. The relationship between the students and administration here at BC is a good one, and I believe that the LSA is central in keeping the channels of communication open and the quality of life for students at a high level. My first year had only confirmed the rumblings that led me to BC; law school does not have to be a hellish experience.

I envision the 2L Rep position as being similar to that of 1L Rep; my main functions would be to relate information about activities and events to the student body and to implement student suggestions (or deal with

complaints) as far as possible. There are, however, some differences between the offices. Given that the days of everyone sitting together in a large lecture hall are nearly gone, a daily bellow will no longer serve to keep everyone informed. I intend to supplement in-class announcements with increased circulation between classes to be accessible to as many people as possible. I particularly want to make connections with the many Section 2 people that I have not yet met. Now that I have some sense of what this law school thing is all about, I will also be able to serve a more active role in leading and implementing projects. My personal goals for next year include securing some resolution for the ongoing IBM print compatibility quest and increased communication about the financial aid process (including an on-campus loan signing session for Newton campus in the fall). I'm also looking into getting a "Norm" T-shirt for official LSA occasions.

Juliet Kalib

Vote for me for 2L representative. I will bring energy and enthusiasm to this position. As the representative for the 2L class, I will voice



your concerns and criticisms. One of my goals is to work towards unifying our class. Allow me the opportunity to work with the LSA board to plan exciting events to make law school a more fun place.

Amy Lamberski

There's something special about BC Law School—a sort of open, communicative atmosphere that takes the sting out of what could be a really rough time. A lot of the credit for the promotion of this cooperative environment is due to the LSA. As a 1L, I had the opportunity to participate in the LSA as a member of the social committee. I helped to organize and decorate for the "wicked" Halloween bash—and had a great time doing it. I'm hoping that, as 2L rep, I'll be able to continue to promote the type of spirit that makes me proud to be a BC Law Student, and which I've felt through my experience with the LSA.



Clinton attackers boldly ignore some facts, invent others

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tionist he could have entombed NAFTA, as a majority of his party wanted him to do, and kept GATT in limbo, as it has been for years. But then, horrors, that would be acknowledging Mr. Clinton sounds like a moderate, or dare I say New Democrat?

Sixth, if Mr. Sarro will check his facts he will notice that the long term interest rates at which government pays back its 30 year bonds financing the debt did fall dramatically after the President proposed his budget, reflecting, as market watchers noted, increased confidence that the United States was getting its fiscal house in order. Mr. Sarro is right in noting that interest

rates had been falling since 1991, but those rates were not the ones to which I was referring. Clinton advisers Robert Rubin and Laura D'Andrea Tyson knew that tax increases would have a contractionary effect on the economy, but speculated that it could be more than offset by the boost the economy could get from cheaper financing of the debt.

Seventh, I would dispute the idea that managed competition is an oxymoron, since government does precisely that when it regulates markets to make sure there is not unfair competition and that markets work. Mr. Sarro suggests, "The health care industry badly needs responsible reform," and I congratulate him for ac-

knowledging that, since it's more than Bob Dole, Newt Gingrich, and William Kristol's strategy of saying there is no real health care crisis. Mr. Sarro denounces that the Clinton health care plan is a prescription for "abridged civil liberties, market inefficiencies, corruption, influence peddling, and substandard care." I would say the current system already gives us all of that, so reform would be no worse in that case.

I would characterize Mr. Clinton as thankfully liberal in social policy (pro-choice, pro-gay rights), but not a liberal for the broad part of his agenda. With partisan zeal, Republicans have consistently portrayed Clinton much as you do,

but I feel that such a characterization of his policies are untenable, given the substantial evidence to the contrary that Clinton has been proposing and fighting for more police, tough welfare reform, freer trade, reducing the size of the federal government, and cutting the deficit.

Lastly, your response to my article proves my point in the first article—Republicans run to call Clinton's policies "ideologically leftist, economically inane, politically motivated, and potentially disastrous." They pay no attention to reality. They call names. They shout the sky is falling. Such bluster only succeeds for a short time, because the truth usually gets out.

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BCLS: Wake up and see the problems

By Larry Dobrow
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It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. Actually, mostly it just sucked, but in a benign VH-1 kind of way. Then came the crash. First there were astonished gasps. Then, condescending laughter from across the river. Finally, whimpering moans as plucky law students updated their résumés to read "Candidate for Juris Doctor at Boston College Law School, the tied-for-24th-best law school in the whole wide world"...

Forgive me for harping on old news (gee, are there any humorless souls among us who haven't ignored reality while immersing themselves in that ho-ho-hysterical parody issue of The Alledger?), but was anybody really surprised that B.C. Law, the George Foreman of law schools, took a nosedive in the polls?

Sure, I imagine that a lot of people were disappointed—the admissions office, Dean Avi "Don't Call Me Alfred" Sorbet. But given the multitude of things that are seriously wrong with this place, we should be pretty damn happy to have averted a total drop off the list.

With this in mind, I'd like to present my crackpot list of reasons why B.C. Law's ranking of tied-for-24th is unjustifiably generous. My estimation: we belong somewhere in the late-30s, clumped together with similarly middle-of-the-road legal institutions like George Washington, Fordham, and, yes, B.U. And I'm not even going to bring up the horribly bourgeois complaints about heat, and parking, and library size, and blah, blah, blah...

1. this place wouldn't be worth a bath-

tub fart if it weren't in the Boston area: Would any one of us have even entertained the idea of coming here were it not located near one of the greatest cities in North America? Hmm. With Boston comes all sorts of cool stuff—real professors with surreal New England accents, the greatest sports section anywhere. On the other hand, the city also proves an all-too-compelling lure for the losers who didn't get into Harvard Law and wanted to stick around.

Anyway, if you take what this school has to offer in terms of facilities and course offerings, and relocate it almost anywhere else in the continental United States—say, New Haven—you'd have a third-rate joint that would be begging for applications rather than turning them away by the truckload.

2. there are too many Deans and not enough professors: I almost half-expect to be named the Associate Dean for Assistant Deanship. What do all these people do besides humor little underlings in ILPR classes and hold "general information meetings" about the school's donut-to-student ratio? About this professor thing, maybe it's me, but it just seems that there aren't enough hoitsy-toitsy piranhas in flowing robes wandering about our hallowed halls. More nerds, I say.

3. course selection: And to think that I won't ever be able to take Tax III due to a boneheaded scheduling lapse. Personally, I don't care what classes I wind up in so long as they meet at a convenient hour and require minimal effort. But I feel for the people who have legitimate interest in a particular subject area and have no other option but to take a broad-based survey course. Sucks to be them, I guess.

4. phony rivalry with B.U. Law: I

Truth is, the only people in the legal universe who care enough to tell B.U. and B.C. apart are the students who go there. I think it's important that we become realistic about our own self-image: there's "Harvard" and then there's "the other Boston law schools."

mean, has anybody actually met one of these dreaded arch-enemies of ours? This is the most irrelevant rivalry since Billy Ray Cyrus thumbed his nose at that other fat redneck.

So B.U. students have a reputation for being stress cases. Big deal. I can think of, oh, say, three hundred people in this place who resemble that description. Truth is, the only people in the legal universe who care enough to tell B.U. and B.C. apart are the students who go there. I think it's important that we become realistic about our own self-image: there's "Harvard" and then there's "the other Boston law schools." I'll leave it to the true scholars to figure out which category we fall into.

5. all the Boston sports teams suck:

This isn't really a criticism of the law school, but I felt like rubbing it in. And while we're on the topic, Larry Bird isn't getting any better-looking with age. Ouch.

6. the school construction is going to make my last days as a student a logistical nightmare: One of the truly great things about B.C. Law is its campus. Stuart House, with its cute little bricks and glistening white pillars, looks more like a nursery school for the children of celebrities than a place which houses some of the most daunting legal minds since LaToya Jackson. So, just in time for me to leave this place with festeringly negative memories of my years here (as opposed to the just-give-me-the-goddamn-diploma-and-we'll-call-it-even outlook I might otherwise have had), they're gonna rip the joint up so "future students" will benefit from improved facilities.

So, as with everything else, I ask "how will this affect my own individual existence?" Lots of loud jackhammers to ease the pain of graduating jobless and surly construction workers ogling the B.C. babes who, legally speaking, are our intellectual property. And if there ain't babes to ogle, well, B.C. Law loses a couple of its "quality of life" points in the next U.S. News and World Report poll.

Truth is, I credit B.C. Law for maintaining a humane atmosphere amidst the shark mentality of law school. It pleases me that I can count on receiving Bs no matter how little I try. And I really appreciate all the free beer. But let's not start listing ourselves with the elite until we truly belong there. How can this be accomplished? Two words: Taco Bell.

Bring on the Burrito Supremes, baby.

Knicks have that non-champion feeling

By Jay Talerman
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I hate the New York Knicks. They suck. They have no personality. They have no heart. They have no class. I'd bet a major internal organ (not my own) that they get about as far in the playoffs as the surviving members of Nirvana get in their Cobain-less musical careers.

It's not that I am repelled by their bad boy style. If they pulled it off half as well as the Pistons did, they might have a prayer. But Charles Oakley is no Bill Laimbeer. There was always a dark wit and subtle genius to Laimbeer's game.

A true thug would never whine about being left out of the all-star game. A true thug would lavish in it. Come play-off time, Laimbeer made the gregarious pansies who made the team pay for each and every accolade. Similarly, Greg Anthony and John Starks are just too damn stupid to play the role of dark knight. There's a place for Starks and Anthony...it's called the CBA—a wonderful place where poor shot selection is actually encouraged.

And what about Patrick Ewing? To me, Patrick showed his true colors when, during a collegiate game against Boston College, he got burnt badly by

Michael Adams and responded by later grabbing the 5'9" Adams by the throat and tossing him to the floor. Despite Patrick's arguable skills and presence, he has never, ever ascended to the role of leader, a role that is seriously lacking in Madison Square Garden. New Jersey has Kenny Anderson, Chicago has Pip ("stupid!"), Cleveland has Mark Price... Hell, two points down with ten seconds to go, I'd rather have Scott Skiles than Patrick Ewing. Christ, when you move out to the Western Conference, Patrick becomes a poor ugly cousin when pitted against the Admiral ("stupid!"), Hakeem, or the Round Mound. Several

possibilities come to mind when I think about class... front row center for the Atlantic City Wayne Newton show embodies even more class than 48 minutes with a Ewing-led Knicks game.

This will most certainly be Pat Riley's last year patrolling the Knick's weight room. After an early exit from this year's playoffs Pat will devote all of his time to enhanced marketing strategies for his copyrighted "threepeat," a phrase that will most certainly apply to the Sonics in 1996. By then, the Knicks front office should be lobbying hard for a more stringent system of enhancing the lottery for the league's weaker echelon.

Liberal media: Very easy to blame, extremely hard to find

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Times, the Boston Herald, the Richmond Times-Dispatch, and the Dallas Morning News, to name a few.

Beyond all of this, most think tanks (the experts that news people turn to for quotes and soundbites) are conservative, and tend to be bigger and better-funded than liberal counterparts. (Conservative

think tanks include the Heritage Foundation, the Cato Institute, the Hoover Institute, and the Manhattan Institute vs. the generally liberal Brookings Institute and the Progressive Policy Institute).

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suggest nothing is off-limits, and that one does not need credible evidence before beginning to lob grenades at your opponents. If you have any doubts about that, just look at Whitewater—where no one when pressed has proof or even good evidence that a law has been broken.

Nevertheless, the media has been more than willing to dance to the tune called by the Republicans, who have not substanti-

ated any charge they have made against President Clinton and can only say with certainty that there is "a hint of impropriety." In addition, the Center for Media Research, when assessing coverage of President Clinton's first year vs. President Bush's first year, concluded 36 percent of stories covering Clinton were favorable as opposed to 64 percent for Bush. With friends like these, who needs enemies?

NEWS & VIEWS

Media bias all in conservative minds

By Steven Davis
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Where's the proof that the media is liberal? Where's the proof that the media is slanted toward President Clinton?

Any conservative or Republican worth their weight probably just huffed at the last two sentences. To hear nearly anyone of a conservative bent tell it, their attitude toward the media is one of general disbelief, consternation, frustration at how fawning they are toward liberals and Democrats. So, I ask anyone reading—leave me proof in my box, if you will—any good empirical, relatively objective analysis that shows the media gives favorably slanted pictures of President Clinton and other Democrats and liberals.

Most Republicans speak of the media in an accusatory tone that suggests that one should always assume that a conservative Republican message will always have trouble filtering out into the public because of a hostile, entrenched liberal media determined to ignore, pan, or make fun of conservatives and the ideas they put forward. They see themselves unfairly skewered or, heaven forbid, as victims.

If I had to make a short list of the usual suspects of media sources that conservatives accuse of participation in a liberal media conspiracy they would include the Boston Globe, the Washington Post, the New York Times, National Public Radio,

the New Yorker, Dan Rather and CBS News. Most of these print publications espouse generally liberal editorial positions when giving their own opinions.

Many conservatives would point to a survey of media types that said three times as many identify themselves as Democrats as opposed to those who identify themselves as Republicans. (Note: a larger percentage than the general population—about half—consider themselves independents.) What does this prove, however? Does it necessarily follow that just because you identify with one party or the other that you lose all ability to be even-handed, fair, or objective?

Assuming the worst, namely that reporters or writers other than editorialists are actively hoping to promote a liberal viewpoint and cannot be fair, will someone again please give me a note or evidence of an issue or policy where the media is treating President Clinton with kid gloves? In addition, the position that the media is a liberal monolith that self-enforces homogeneity of opinion is hardly believable, given the evidence to the contrary.

First of all—Rush Limbaugh. The man has the most popular radio talk show in the country, a successful television show, two of the most popular books ever written, and thousands of sycophants who wait with baited breath for his daily three-hour load of half-truths and humorous assaults against the President, her husband Bill, Jesse Jack-

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son, Jocelyn Elders, feminists, environmentalists, and the homeless. William F. Buckley, Jr.'s stuffy and clubby National Review recently crowned him "Leader of the Opposition" on its cover. There is no left-leaning counterpart to serve as a foil to Limbaugh, and no one liberal comes close

to having a similar sized platform from which to bellow. (For this, I would blame liberals for being more self-righteous than they should, which is generally off-putting, not endearing, and makes them seem as though they have no sense of humor.)

Beyond Limbaugh, there is a cadre of conservative acolytes who also have pervasive influence on television and in print. These include ex-Nixon speechwriter Pat Buchanan, blowhard ex-Nixon staffer John McLaughlin, ex-Nixon fruitcake G. Gordon Liddy (another highly successful radio talk show host), ex-Nixon staffer and thoughtful curmudgeon William Safire, Fred Barnes, Robert Novak, the Wall Street Journal crowd—Robert Bartley, Jude Wanniski et al, R. Emmett Tyrell (editor of the American Spectator), George Will, Ph.D., and gay right-wing attack journalist David Brock, author of The Real Anita Hill and the American Spectator article that put out the trooper's allegations in December, 1993.

Beyond Limbaugh and the pundits, conservatives have their own television channel—National Empowerment Television, and broad influence on other generally conservative channels like Roger Ailes-owned CNBC. In addition, there are a number of actively, aggressively conservative magazines and newspapers including National Review, The American Spectator, Commentary, the Washington

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